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JAKARTA FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY

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SUBJ: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THAILAND: ARRIVAL SCENARIO

REF: BANGKOK 3527

SUMMARY: ARRIVAL CEREMONIES ARE A BRIEF BUT IMPORTANT OPENING TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THAILAND. IN ORDER TO SMOOTH THE ARRIVAL WE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE AIRCRAFT PARKS IN FRONT OF THE ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE (RTAF) HEADQUARTERS ON THE CIVILIANS SIDE ON DON MUANG AIRPORT. GROUND CREWS SECURE THE FRONT STAIRS. THE MOTORCADE (BANGKOK 3497) IS BETWEEN THE AIRCRAFT AND THE RTAF HEADQUARTERS. THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL VARACHIT NITIPHON, THE AMBASSADOR, HUMMEL, AND MINISTER AND MRS. MASTERS) IS AT THE LEFT FOOT OF THE FRONT STAIRS. THE THAI AIR FORCE LT COLONEL IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS HAS TOLD US THAT THE PRESS WILL HAVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND THAT THEY WILL NOT BE CONFINED BEHIND ANY BARRIER. HE PROMISED TO BRIEF THEM IN ADVANCE ON SECURITY AND PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS.

2. WHEN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MRS. RUSH HAVE DESCENDED FROM THE AIRPLANE, DOOLIN AND ROBERTS SHOULD FOLLOW AFTER
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A SLIGHT PAUSE. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY DEPLANE ONCE THE

DEPUTY SECRETARY HAS MET THE GREETING PARTY.

3. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESS AS HE DESCENDS. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GANGWAY KHUN (MR.) VARACHIT GREETES THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND PARTY. (WHEN ADDRESSING A THAI, IT IS PROPER TO USE THE FIRST NAME.)

4. MARCH 5 IS REPORTERS DAY, A NATIONAL NEWSPAPER HOLIDAY, SO PRESS ATTENDANCE MAY BE MINIMAL. LOCAL PRESSMEN ARE BASICALLY POLITE AND REASONABLY RESTRAINED IN COVERING IMPORTANT VISITORS. IF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS SHOULD APPROACH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS, BUT REMARK THAT HE IS PLEASED TO BE IN THAILAND AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT. NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS, WHO MAY HAVE COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT ON THE TARMAC, WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN POSES UPON EXITING THE AIRCRAFT, MEETING THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE, AND STEPPING INTO THE LIMOUSINE.

5. VARACHIT, THE AMBASSADOR, AND HUMMEL ESCORT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE LIMOUSINE. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TAKES LEAVE OF VARACHIT AND ENTERS THE CAR.

6. MR. MASTERS ESCORTS MRS. RUSH TO HER ASSIGNED VEHICLE (CAR NUMBER ONE) AND THEY BOARD.

7. THE MINISTER ESCORTS DOOLIN AND ROBERTS TO THE NEXT VEHICLE IN LINE (CAR NUMBER TWO) AND THEY BOARD.

8. CONTROL OFFICER REUTHER ESCORTS THOSE WHO EXITED THE REAR OF THE AIRPLANE AND THEY GET IN THE LAST CARS (NUMBERED THREE, FIVE AND SIX) IN THE MOTORCADE.

9. THE COVERED BAGGAGE TRUCK WILL MOVE UP AND BEGIN TO LOAD.
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